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1. The followers of the 4th of August regime have begun a political movement with the aim of establishing a party. The leader is said to be Maniadakis, and the deputy leader Kostas Kotzias.
2. A month ago two members of this new party left for Argentina to meet Maniadakis and explain the Greek situation to him and to get instructions.
3. Since the party has great need of money, they are attempting to win over certain industrialists as "angels".
4. Maniadakis will send large modern presses to publish a daily paper to assist in the financial support of the party.
5. John Diakos is working behind the scenes for this party. He has a jeep at his disposal, and he uses it to maintain contact with all the friends of the party.
6. The aim of this party is not acquisition of power by force, but it will bitterly attack the Government and the present political parties, and

one source, known to have been connected at one time with the Metaxas Government, points out that Maniadakis cannot legally return to Greece because of an existing Greek Government ban on such return, and Sfakianakis is a devious and untrustworthy individual. Diakos and Polyzogopoulos do not have the necessary prestige to carry the movement in the absence of Maniadakis.

2. It is interesting to note, however, that the same source has provided the reliable information that in October 1948, at a meeting which took place in Buenos Aires among various individuals from the Iron Curtain countries, with the purpose of founding an organization for the liberation of these countries from Communist control, Maniadakis, who was present on special invitation, spoke at great length against Communism and was unanimously elected president of the committee which undertook to prepare a charter for the proposed organization.